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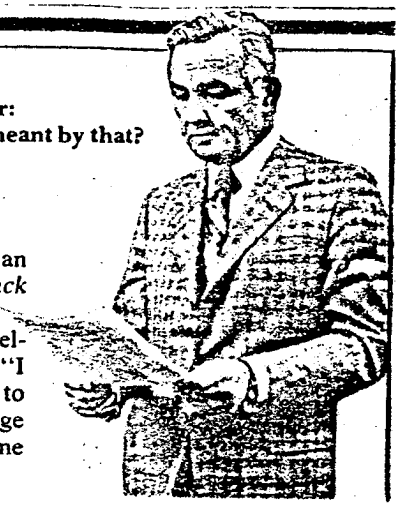

Turner:
I wonder what he meant by that?

CIA: A Four-Letter Word?

When CIA director Stansfield Turner recently mandated a substantial cut in agency personnel, he fired a number of intelligence station chiefs overseas. He did it by cable, and sent a classic LeCarre-esque curt, cold message. One station chief telegraphed through official channels an equally curt response: *Fuck You.*

The clerk who sent that telegram added his own P.S.: "I know I'm not supposed to transmit this kind of language stop but he's making me stop." Sign off. •

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